## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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POLIANNA MAZZITELLI,

Plaintiff,

-against-

Docket No.:

PATRONATO INCA CGIL, USA, INC., and JOHN DE GENNARO,

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendants.

Defendants **PATRONATO INCA CGIL, USA, INC., and JOHN DE GENNARO**, through counsel, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441(a), and 1446, respectfully petitions for the removal of this action to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. In support of this petition, defendants respectfully state the following:

- 1. This case in presently pending in New York Supreme Court, County of Queens, under Index No. 712380/2016. The territory assigned to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York under 28 U.S.C. § 112(c) embraces Suffolk County.
- 2. A copy of the Summons and Complaint was filed in this matter on or about October 17, 2016. (Annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" is a copy of the Summons and Complaint).
- 3. In her Complaint, plaintiff purports to assert, inter alia, wage and hour and contract claims under the following statutes and theories:

The New York Labor Law §652 (first, second, and third causes of action):

The Fair Labor Standards Act (fourth and fifth cause of action);

Defamation (sixth cause of action);

Breach of contract (seventh cause of action);

Unjust enrichment (eighth cause of action).

See Exhibit "A", Complaint, at ¶¶ 85 – 122, therein.

4. Plaintiff alleges that, as a result of defendants' actions, plaintiff suffered damages in an unidentified amount to be determined at trial. *See* Exhibit "A", Complaint.

5. Removal of Index No. 712380/2016 from the Supreme Court of the State of New

York, County of Queens, to this Honorable Court is appropriate because this Court has original

jurisdiction of the claims set forth in the Complaint. See 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).

6. This Court has original federal question jurisdiction over the instant action

pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331, which provides jurisdiction of all civil actions arising under the

Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States.

7. As alleged in the Complaint, plaintiff alleges violations of federal statute, 29

U.S.C. §§206 and 207. See Exhibit "A", Complaint, at  $\P$  98 – 107, therein.

8. This Notice is timely under 28 U.S.C. § 1446 (b), because Defendants were

served on or about February 6, 2017, and this Notice is being filed within the 30-day period

within which defendants may petition this court for removal under 28 U.S.C. § 1446 (b).

9. All defendants have agreed to remove this action.

10. Defendants have not previously sought to remove this action.

WHEREFORE, defendants respectfully request that this case be removed to this Court.

Dated:

New York, New York February 28, 2017

Yours, etc.

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